

REMARKS

The allowability of claims 3-11 before the final Action of July 20, 2004, is again acknowledged appreciatively.

However, on page 5, lines 8-9, of the Response to the final Action, "... having the click-on means on one of the hollow body or support to click on the other" was urged as a distinction over the cited art and, in particular, the Lorraine patent. While this distinction may appear from Fig. 2 of the Lorraine patent, column 2, line 33, of the patent contradicts it.

As a result, the claimed invention may simplify the arrangement, as also described there on page 5, in a manufacturing stage, for example, but the simplification is not in the installation stage "... having only two parts to keep track of and handle ..." as described on page 5, lines 16 ff.

Nevertheless, claim 2 is still characterized above by the combination of such an arrangement with a leaf spring 38 having at least one hook-shaped appendix 42. The Lorraine patent, in contrast, discloses a clip 18 with tabs 22 and slots 30 for ears 32 for its clipping-on.

The leaf spring and hook-shaped appendix make possible the axial operation of connection previously described which, after lateral insertion of the clip of the Lorraine patent it also achieves, as described above. The invention of claim 2 thus describes a different, simpler structure as shown in Fig. 2 of the application as compared to Fig. 2 of the Lorraine patent for the same function as achieved by the Lorraine patent. Different structure for a similar function is still patentable.

The amendment is needed to describe the patentability of claim 2 more clearly.

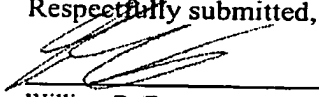
The amendment requires no additional search or examination, because no claimed word is changed.

Claims 3-11 are patentable, because allowable independently of claim 2. Claim 2 is patentable for the reasons described above.

The amendment of claim 2 was not earlier presented, because claim 2 was allowed as last presented.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

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